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SUBJECT: SOUTHEAST TURKEY PRESS SUMMARY APRIL 20, 2004

This is the Southeastern Turkey press summary for April 20, 2004. Please note that Turkish press reports often contain errors or exaggerations; AmConsulate Adana does not vouch for the accuracy of the reports summarized here.

POLITICAL, SECURITY, HUMAN RIGHTS

Turkiye / In Ercis, Muradiye and Gulpinar, Van province, Jandarma detained 77 foreigners without any valid passports or legal papers. It is reported that the detainees are from Bangladesh, Iraq, Pakistan and Iran.

CULTURE and TOURISM

Hurriyet, Milliyet, Bolge, Ekspres / Tourism Week activities started in Adana yesterday with a local food competition. Adana Vice Governor, Adana Mayor and the American Consulate Deputy Principal Officer attended the competition ceremonies.

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